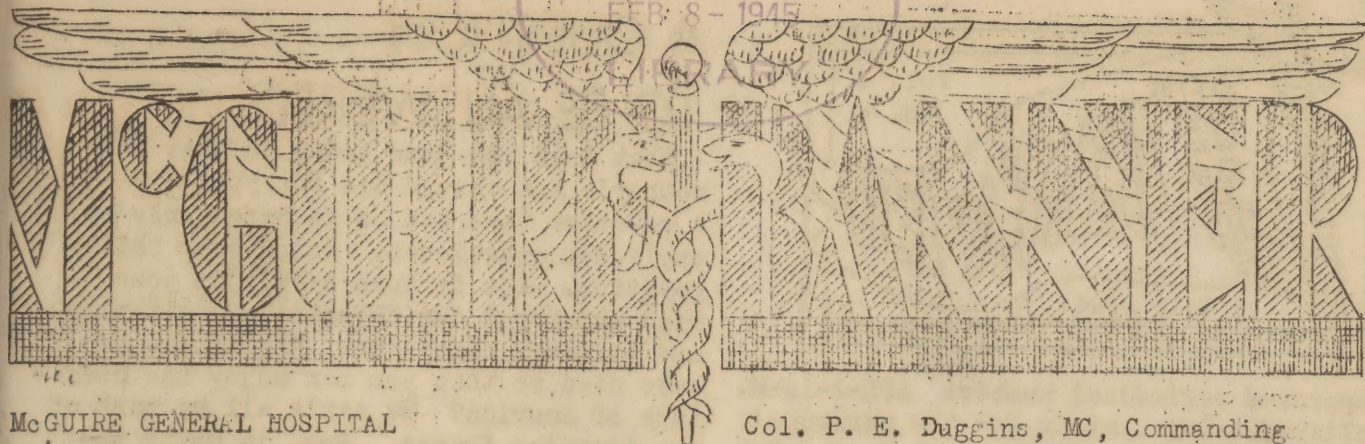


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Col. P. E. Duggins, MC, Commanding  
Richmond, Virginia

## McGUIRE TOPS \$400.00 FOR FREE PHONES

### CIVILIANS SET PACE FOR McGUIRE'S FIGHTING 5TH

Highlighting the current War Loan Bond Drive in McGuire General Hospital is the performance of civilian employees of the Post Engineer department where every man purchased an extra bond in addition to bonds being on the payroll deduction plan. Fire Chief James A. Kain, in making the announcement, stated that each of the fifteen men in his section had made extra purchases.

Captain Martha R. White, WAC, war bond officer, reported satisfactory progress on all fronts in the drive with about half of the \$14,000 goal already achieved. "We are confident of success and we are proud of the efforts being made to put McGuire General over the top," she said.

Captain White also pointed out that enlisted men may now purchase bonds through  
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### HOSPITAL PERSONNEL ANSWERS NEWS-LEADER DRIVE FOR FREE CALLS

Men and women working at McGuire General Hospital have contributed more than \$400 to the Richmond News-Leader Free Telephone Fund. Civilian and military workers joined hands in the drive which raised the second largest single donation the newspaper has received.

Heading the list of McGuire contributions was that of the 1385th Service Unit which raised \$108. Second were members of the Army Nurse Corps which donated \$79. Numerous others gave \$5, and few donations were less than one dollar. News-Leader officials expressed themselves as being well pleased with the spirit in which McGuire cooperated in the drive that is expected to amount to \$10,000. Latest reports show that almost \$8,000 has been received.

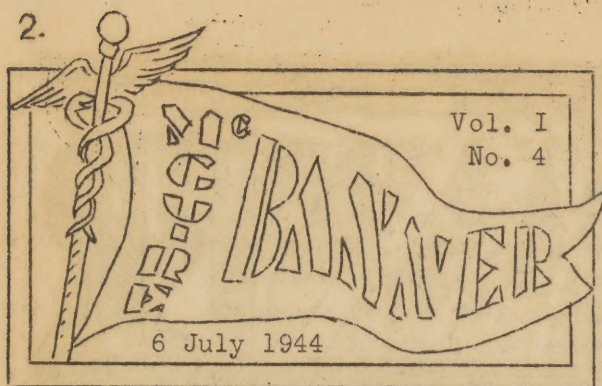
The News-Leader Free Telephone Fund is a drive to raise money for free telephone calls for each patient to come to McGuire.

## HOUSING UNDERWAY FOR HOSPITAL PEOPLE

The housing situation for McGuire General Hospital civilian and military personnel took a decided turn for the better last week with the announcement that 80 apartments, to be located at Broad Rock Road and East 45th Street, will be constructed and completed for occupation about October 1. Work is expected to get under way this week, according to spokesmen for the Frank S. Richeson Realty Company, contractors.

The apartments will consist of four units of 20 apartments each and will rent for an average of \$50 per month. They will be of brick construction and will have slate roofs. Modern in every respect, the apartments will have a central heating plant,  
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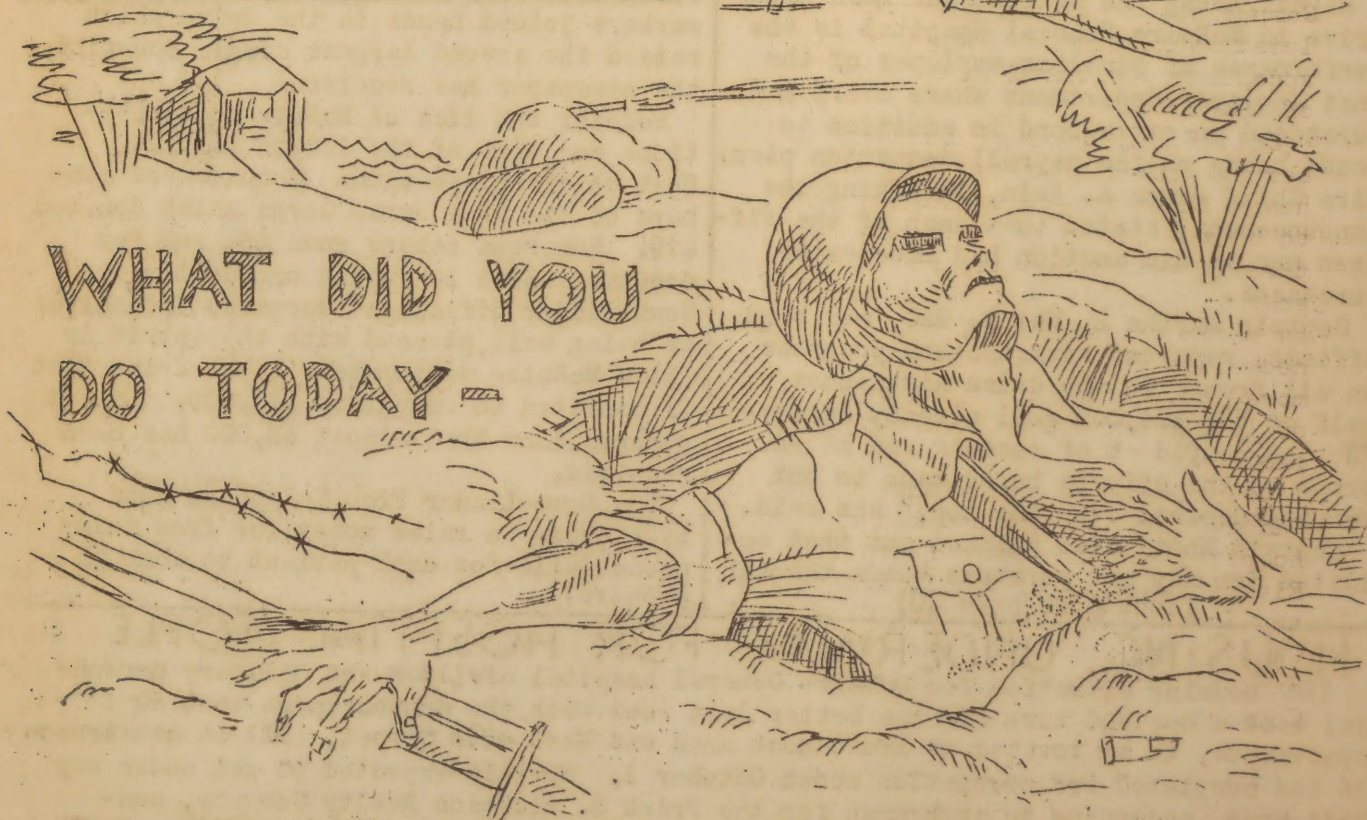
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## A QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED

What have you done today so that some  
mother's son should die for you? - - -  
A question that can be answered only by  
one's own conscience. Think over this  
question. Let it burn deeply in your  
mind and crowd out thoughts of self-pity  
and personal pleasures. Why should he  
have died so that you can enjoy the bless-  
ings of America? We can't all be part of  
the invasion forces. But, in doing the  
part that we have been asked to perform,  
we can contribute our utmost to make this  
hospital a truly great one, offering  
those who seek our aid the finest in ser-  
vice and care--no matter the effort or the  
time required.



WHAT DID YOU  
DO TODAY-

SO THAT SOME MOTHER'S SON  
SHOULD DIE FOR YOU!

# SUGGESTION COMMITTEE MAKES TWO AWARDS

## MCGUIRE BROADCAST HUGE SUCCESS

"America's Salute to McGuire General Hospital," heard over Radio Station WRVA last Thursday night, has attracted favorable comment from hundreds of miles around, it is announced by station officials. Dozens of congratulatory messages have been received at WRVA and at the hospital.

Sergeant Barry Scheetman, former professional radio announcer now attached to the McGuire General Special Services Office, shared announcing duties with Sergeant Sterling Ludgate of Camp Lee.

Musical honors were evenly divided between the 662nd Army Air Force Band from the Richmond Air Base, and the Camp Lee Post Band. Pvt. Eric Rosenblith from Camp Pickett was the featured violin soloist, while one of Camp Lee's top-notch vocalists was heard in a favorite song of the day.

Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire General Hospital, was heard in an appeal to the general public to be considerate of the feelings of returning wounded soldiers when they appear in public. Col. Duggins was heard by radio transcription which was made necessary when he was called to Baltimore, Md., earlier in the day. Studio officials arranged for his message to be recorded.

Greetings and good wishes for McGuire General and the wounded men who will be hospitalized here were heard from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Joe E. Brown, Dorothy Lamour, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Judy Canova, Guy Lombardo, and from the commanding general of the Third Service Command.

Shreveport, La. (CNS)--Chased by her husband, who was brandishing a hot smoothing iron, athletic Mrs. Lucille Cash cleared a seven-foot barbed wire fence and escaped. Later she sued for divorce.

Proof that civilian and military workers of McGuire General Hospital are thinking in terms of saving materials, time, and space is contained in the fact that the recently created Suggestion Plan Campaign committee has already received 36 worthwhile suggestions. Three of them have been accepted and put into effect, while some others are still under consideration, according to L. E. Roffman, CWO, committee spokesman.

Two awards this week brought three-day passes to Sergeant Anthony H. Hoffman of the information desk staff, and Sergeant Aramis T. Guy, non-commissioned officer in charge of wards at night. Several suggestions from civilian workers are being studied, committee members state. Sgt. Hoffman suggested uniform working hours which will permit car pools to conserve gas and tires. Sgt. Guy suggested laundry changes which will speed up the service for enlisted men and patients.

Suggestions to improve hospital service, conserve materials or time, or anything that will help the war effort, should be placed in suggestion boxes conveniently distributed around the hospital. The committee meets weekly and all suggestions are studied and rejected, approved, or taken under further consideration. Sometimes two or more suggestions are combined to make one worthwhile improvement, it is said.

Committee members point out that all suggestions are anonymous until the award is made. Each suggestion is numbered and the judges have no way of knowing who contributed the idea until a decision is made. Committee members are: Lt.-Colonel Michael Sheppeck, CWO Roffman, 1st Sgt. James Kaylor, Lester Mitchell, Albert Archer, Mrs. Gladys Shively, Mrs. Alma Ingram, Miss Helen Crenshaw, and Miss Mary Bell. Miss Crenshaw serves as executive secretary.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY THAT SOME  
MOTHER'S SON SHOULD DIE FOR YOU? --  
JOIN THE FIGHTING FIFTH!!!

## RED CROSS RECEIVES VALUABLE DONATIONS

Warm-hearted civilians and patriotic organizations continued this week to demonstrate their feelings toward wounded and sick soldiers who will come to McGuire General Hospital. The American Red Cross with local headquarters just off Times Square in Building 401 announces several donations of furniture and equipment.

One of the outstanding gifts was a pledge of 600 pounds of newspapers and magazines each week from the Capital News Agency in Richmond. The magazines will all be new, and selected with the idea in mind of what soldiers will want to read. They will be distributed by the Red Cross.

A voice recording machine was donated by Mrs. Robert W. Daniel, Brandon, Va.; scatter rugs for the detachment dayroom were given by the Prince George Chapter of the American Red Cross; an electric victrola with a quantity of records was given by the District Traffic Office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company; and two pianos have been contributed. Other gifts include radios and ladies' lounge furniture.

The Virginia Federation of Music Clubs is collecting funds for the purchase of a concert grand piano which will be placed in the auditorium.

### CHAPEL GETS NEW ELECTRIC ORGAN

The electric organ for use in religious services in McGuire General Hospital has been installed, it is announced by Major Orin D. Swank, post chaplain.

Christian worship services are being held each Sunday at 9 a.m. This is a general service to which everyone is invited.

A Catholic chaplain is expected at McGuire General soon, and with his arrival there will be a schedule of Catholic masses arranged for the chapel. Jewish services here are held each Friday at 8:30 p.m. with visiting Rabbis officiating.

## SCT. ATWOOD HEART ATTACK VICTIM

Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, today announced the death of Sergeant Charles H. Atwood, 38, X-ray technician, station complement. Sgt. Atwood suffered a heart attack late yesterday and died soon after at his wife's address, 308 South Cherry Street, Richmond.

Sgt. Atwood, formerly of North Barnstable, Mass., was inducted into the army March 12, 1941, and had previously served four years in the navy. His service record, both in the army and the navy was excellent, according to Colonel Duggins and his former commanding officer at Camp Lee where he served prior to coming to McGuire General Hospital.

In addition to his wife, Edith C. Atwood, he is survived by an infant son and two sisters, Miss Mary Atwood of West Barnstable, Mass., and Mrs. Margaret Kiemann, Nedham, Mass.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

### QUICK CARE SAVES LIVES OF 99 IN 100 IN FRANCE

France (CNS)--Quick and expert medical attention has been responsible for the saving of 99 per cent of the lives of American soldiers wounded on the Normandy beachhead, according to Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, Chief of Medical Services on Gen. Eisenhower's staff.

Penicillin, sulfa drugs, whole blood and blood plasma are being used constantly in France, Gen. Kenner said, as a part of the treatment wounded soldiers receive on the battlefield, in front line hospitals, and on special ships and airplanes returning to England.

DAKWIN--Photographs of pinup girls are used in Northern Australian military hospitals to help patients recover the use of arms and legs. They are fastened on splints in such a way that the man must use the weakened muscles to look at them. The scheme works.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY THAT SOME MOTHER'S SON SHOULD DIE FOR YOU?

## McGUIRE SALVAGE DRIVE 'SCRAPS' OFF TO FINE START

America must salvage two-thirds of the 24-million tons of paper used annually in this country if we are to win the war, according to a recent War Production Board announcement.

McGuire General Hospital reclaimed more than 16,000 lbs. of paper last month, a record which will not stand when military and civilian workers really get back of the salvage drive, it is announced by Lt. James T. Remley, purchasing, contracting, and salvaging officer.

Listed here is the amount of salvage from McGuire that has been turned over to national reclamation authorities: corrugated cardboard, 11,423 lbs.; white paper, 2,051 lbs.; brown paper, 1,033 lbs.; newspaper, 1,557 lbs.; and magazines, 332 lbs.

In addition to paper, Lt. Remley's department has salvaged 1,132 lbs. of tin cans and hundreds of pounds of other worthwhile scrap ranging from egg cases to mattress covers. "No scrap materials worthy of salvage will be wasted on this post. Every man and every woman connected with McGuire General Hospital is responsible to the government for saving every pound of paper, tin, and cloth possible. As we become more accustomed to our jobs, we will effect greater savings," said Lt. Remley.

McGuire's salvage officer today asked all military and civilian employees to conserve materials in every way without affecting efficiency or the comfort and well-being of the patients when they arrive. "Office workers, especially, should be economical in the use of stationery and memorandum pads. They should use both sides of the paper whenever possible. Discarded sheets can be used for scratch paper and for making notes. Never throw away a sheet of paper that can be used again," he admonished.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY THAT SOME MOTHER'S SON SHOULD DIE FOR YOU?

## EM'S TELL OFFICERS 'AT EASE' AND THEY "EASE"

Concerned over the alleged indigo moods of McGuire officers and nurses, detachment enlisted men "crashed" the Officers' Club Friday night, 30 June, to stage a show which proved to be a huge success.

The troupe barged into the hallowed precincts of stars and bars, took over a table in dead center, commanded the guests to be "at ease," and presented their informal offering.

Sergeant Barry Schectman, serving as master of ceremonies, introduced Pfc. Bernie Asbel who sang original ditties of the war and allied topics. Cpl. Bob Panofsky, McGuire's wizard of the ivories and Pfc. Richard Quinn, well-known tenor, accompanied by Cpl. Steve Kubica, an accomplished accordionist, gave several popular selections. Sgt. Schectman obliged with a rendition from "Night Must Fall," an act performed in complete darkness except for the faltering rays of a GI flashlight.

The show was written and staged by Pfc. Asbel.

## THE WOLF

by Sansone



## 6. GUADALCANAL BUDDIES HOLD REUNION AT MCGUIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL

One of the unsung heroes of World War II is Pfc. Elmo J. Perry, 29, unmarried, and back in the States on furlough to visit his family in Washington, D. C., and his closest friend, Corporal James V. Smyth, Silver Star and Purple Heart winner, now stationed in McGuire General Hospital.

Perry saved Smyth's life in one of the South Pacific battles in which Smyth was dangerously wounded. "Totally disregarding his own safety, Perry came out in the open while Jap bullets were kicking up dust all around us. He carried and dragged me back to safety and to medical aid. If it wasn't for him, I don't think I would be here today," Smyth says.

The Perry-Smyth team was born back yonder in September, 1941, when both men were raw recruits cringing and cursing under the whiplash tongue of a drill sergeant in Camp Wheeler, Ga. Out of their common misery grew one of the most enduring friendships of this war. That friendship grew and flourished through the long months of training which carried the pair to camps throughout California, Oregon, and Idaho. It held fast when they shipped overseas together March 17, 1942.

It was November 21, 1942, when Smyth and Perry were engaged with others in their outfit in the Battle of Matanikou River that Smyth got a Jap bullet through his helmet, creasing his skull. Before the snipers could get to him for the killing shot, Perry dashed from his fox hole and dragged the wounded man to safety at the rear.

After he was certain that Smyth was safe, Perry picked up his rifle and returned to the job of exterminating Japs. "I knew there was nothing more I could do for my buddy and my job was back out there in the fox holes," Perry explains.

Smyth, incidentally, disobeyed a direct command from a superior officer in staying on the fighting line after he was first wounded. He was ordered to the rear but refused to go because -- "We were having it pretty tough out there

against those Japs and every man was needed." It wasn't until loss of blood made him unconscious that he was carried back to safety.

Smyth, who is now attached to post personnel in the post office department, was reunited with Perry last week when the latter returned to this country after 27 months overseas. At the expiration of his furlough Perry will report to Camp Butner, N. C., for reassignment.

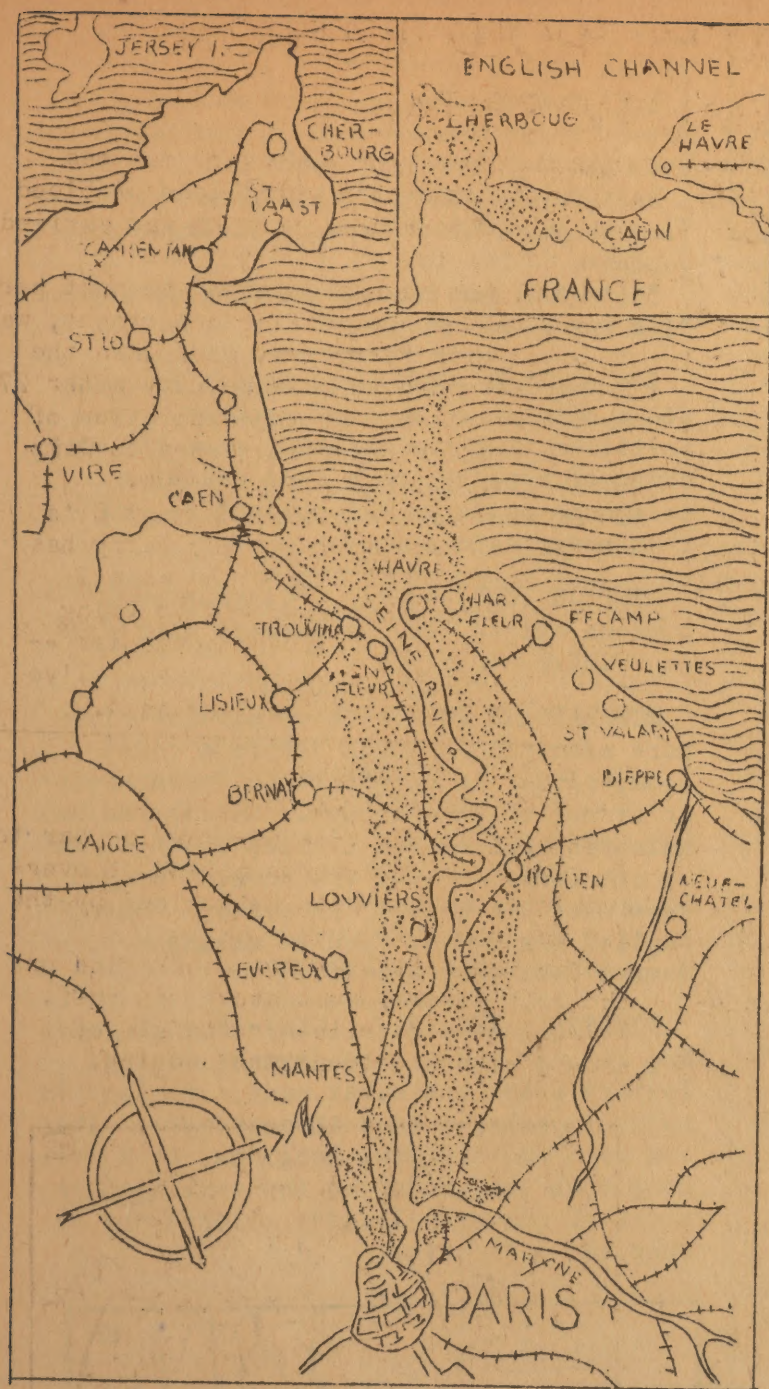
Contrary to the habits of most GI's returning from battle areas, Perry has no souvenirs. "I determined when I went overseas that I wanted to bring back only my dog tags for souvenirs -- and I wanted to be wearing them. I've satisfied that ambition," he said.

### DECORATION AUTHORIZED FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

Washington, D.C.--A new service bar to indicate each six-month period of overseas service has been authorized by the War Department.

Army men will wear the decoration on the left sleeve, just above the cuff. It will be a four-inch rectangle of cloth, with a gold-colored edging.





CONTINUING THE DRIVE to outflank Caen in the push toward Paris, British and Canadian troops have been cutting railways and highways about that bitterly contested point while airmen pound rail and supply centers along the Seine River. The smaller map, inset at right, indicates the area gained since the original invasion landings June 6. The Allies are now occupying 1,100 square miles of French territory.

EXPLODING A NEW OFFENSIVE along a 40-mile front on the lower Cherbourg peninsula, United States troops, fighting in rain and mud, are driving the Germans steadily back through defenses which Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had declared impregnable less than two months ago.

Battle-front reports said the troops captured a site near LaHaye from whose crest Americans are directing artillery fire, cutting the one good all-weather road south of the town.

Doughboys are fighting from hedge to hedge against heavy machine gun and mortar fire in the vicinity of Bois d'Etindin. More than 100 prisoners were captured in the first assault Tuesday night.

German supreme headquarters reported that while Allied forces were gaining ground in the Caen section, Axis lines were generally holding fast. Some of the heaviest fighting was reported between stretches of marshland. The enemy had studded the narrow neck of dry land with machine gun nests.

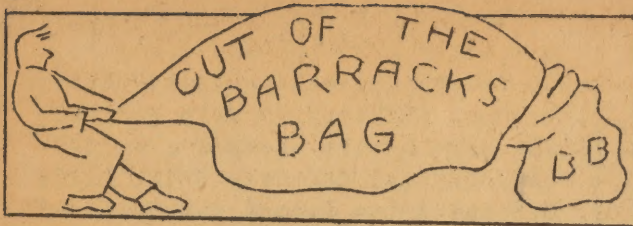
Americans attacked along a line leading from the Atlantic coast at Carteret eastward to Carentan and thence southward to a point about two and one-half miles northeast of St. Lo, highway hub of Central Normandy.

The American offensive apparently caught the Germans still trying to align their defenses along the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula.

The weather which had virtually cancelled allied air superiority cleared Tuesday, permitting renewal of armed reconnaissance flights between the Normandy battlefront and the strafing of Nazi truck convoys.

On the British corridor near Caen there have been no recent German assaults, earlier ones having been beaten back with terrific loss of life and supplies for the enemy.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY THAT SOME MOTHER'S SON SHOULD DIE FOR YOU?



MILWAUKEE (CNS)--When Charles Sandoval and his mother were arrested here on charges of drunkenness, Sandoval discovered he had only enough funds to bail one of them out. So he bailed himself out, leaving his mother in jail for the week-end.

NEW YORK (CNS)--Cabby Ed Waters dropped a well dressed passenger at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, then noticed that his fare had left a package behind. Waters hollered but the man walked on, disappeared into the crowd. The cabby then opened the package. It contained \$27,200 in cash.

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)--A local radio station broadcast this message last week: "Anybody lost a coffin? Police found one in an empty lot."

PRAIRIE, MISS. (CNS)--Two freight trains met head-on at an intersection here. Lone casualty was a chicken which somehow got caught between them.

ROANOKE (CNS)--The paper bag shortage has become so pronounced here that shop keepers are urging their customers to wheel their purchases home in wheelbarrows.

ST. LOUIS (CNS)--St. Louis firemen are restricted--in the Fire Department's new manual of regulations--from washing cuspidors in the firehouse bathtubs.

BALTIMORE (CNS)--Booker K. Miller was cleared of charges of peddling marijuana cigarettes, when court tests disclosed that the cigarettes he was peddling contained not marijuana--but catnip.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)--Mrs. Norma J. Cathcart has sued a local hospital for \$10,000, claiming the hospital made a public show of her baby and even allowed insulting remarks about her exposed leg.

#### MARK TWAIN FIRST MAN TO USE "SWEAT IT OUT!"

London (CNS)--Do you know who originated the most over-used GI remark of them all -- "Sweat it out"?

Well, it was Mark Twain, from whose "Tom Sawyer" the following dialogue is quoted:

"It's her own fault," he finally says. "Let her sweat it out."

LOS ANGELES (CNS)--Mrs. Robert Emerson won a divorce on unusual grounds. She testified that her husband, whom she accused of cruelty, made long distance telephone calls to her collect -- and then never said a word.

MEMPHIS (CNS)--During "Cleanup Week" someone swiped all the garbage cans from one suburban street.

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)--Three psychiatrists were examining a woman before a court commissioner in an effort to learn whether or not she was insane. During the examination one of the learned doctors got up and danced around the room. "Do you know what I'm doing?" he asked. "Sure," replied the woman, "you're making a damned fool of yourself."

POMPTON LAKES, N.J. (CNS)--For 20 years Eng Yen, a Chinese laundryman, scorned laundry slips and never made a mistake in handing packages back to customers. Then Yen died and his son, Hong Gam, took over. Hong took one gander at the ceiling-high stack of untagged laundry, closed the shop and left town.



# GALA AFFAIR MARKS

## OPENING OF DAYROOM

In a gala dedication of their commodious dayroom, detachment enlisted men danced, chowed, and heard their Commanding Officer, Col. P. E. Duggins, welcome to McGuire and express confidence in their ability to do the job at hand. The affair took place in the spacious auditorium of the Red Cross Tuesday evening, June 27.

Girls from the Kappa Omicron Sorority, from the USO, and from the civilian personnel at McGuire tamed the McGuire wolfpack with the musical cooperation of the Richmond Army Air Base dance band.

Following a grand march and talk by Col. Duggins, a short revue was presented, Sgt. Barry Schectman serving as master of ceremonies. Pfc. Richard Quinn and Cpl. Steve Kubica blended a tenor voice and swaying accordion, respectively, for a fine mixture; Pfc. Bernie Asbel guitared his way through two original songs of Army life; Miss Lucille Miller, of the Red Cross, offered a vocal selection, and Sgt. Clarence Manes of civilian stage fame presented impressions and comic dancing.

Pfc. Alan Campbell was "Camp-Belle of the Ball." He had all the orangeade, lemonade, and assorted goodies stacked at his side.

For weeks the Wave had saluted a young officer daily as she hopped along the street. And for weeks he had returned her salute--grinning broadly.

"Say, what's his rank, anyway?" she asked a barracks mate at last.

"Can't say," said her friend. "But he's officer of the guard at the bank where I cash my checks."

Stony Point, N.Y. (CNS)--Walter Goss, 15, was told by his parents to wash the family car. He didn't feel like doing this, so he drove the car around the block and rammed it into a fence instead. Then he telephoned police. "When my father hears about this," he explained, "I'll need protective custody."

ARE YOU A FIFTH WAR LOAN PATRIOT?

# PFC ALDER LIVED

## BUT WONDERERS HOW

One of the most recent Purple Heart wearers to be attached to post personnel in McGuire General Hospital is Pfc. Lester R. Alder of the detachment mess. Alder distinguished himself in the Sicilian campaign and still fails to understand why he wasn't killed in the action which almost sent him along with his comrades. Pfc. Alder lost three toes in the skirmish which cost the lives of 16 American riflemen and the entire crew of a machine gun emplacement.

"We were defending a vital position on low terrain when Jerry opened up with some of the most vicious fire I ever encountered. We were cut off from help from our rear and things didn't look too good for us. I was wounded in the right foot and my friends were falling all around me. It was fourteen hours later when one of our artillery observers managed to crawl up to me and carry me back to be patched up," is the way Alder describes his experiences.



"He advanced and I recognized him."

## EXTRA BONDS BOUGHT

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cash payments. The new \$7.50 bond can be purchased with delivery direct by mail in early August. Soldiers will no longer be permitted to purchase bonds via the salary deduction plan, it has been announced.

One McGuire employe who believes implicitly in the need for war bond purchases is Grace S. Williams, charwoman in the Administration building, who, with the assistance of her husband, has purchased 25 bonds since starting in government service. "We believe in doing everything we can to help our country and to beat the enemy," she said. Patriotism and loyalty to her country go deeper down with Grace than with many other persons, it is believed. The Williams have a large American flag draped along the wall in their home. At night, when returning from work, Grace and her husband pause at the door, come to attention, and salute the flag. "We honor and respect our flag and that is the way we show our feelings," she says.

## MCGUIRE HOUSING

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playgrounds and parking facilities. Thirty-two of the apartments will consist of four rooms each; others will be three-room apartments. All of them will be equipped with gas cooking stoves and refrigerators. The rentals will include heat and hot and cold water, Mr. Richeson stated.

Future plans include extension of the apartment project, and building of similar apartments is contemplated. Thirty-one acres of the 200-site have been set aside for the construction of small homes for McGuire personnel as soon as the materials become available.

The McGuire apartment project has the approval of the Federal Housing Administration. Priorities for materials have been issued by the War Production Board. The apartments will be constructed jointly by McGuire Park, Inc., and F. H. Edert, contractor. Mr. Richeson is a director of McGuire Park, Inc.

## SODA FOUNTAIN TO OPEN

McGuire's new, 38-foot soda fountain and restaurant arrangement is being rushed to completion, and is expected to be opened for business about July 10, according to Lt. S. I. Rotner, post exchange officer.

Located off "Times Square," the PX contains, in addition to the soda bar, a well-equipped and operating barber shop, beauty parlor, tailor shop, and the general merchandise department.

An outstanding feature of the soda fountain will be the "country club" atmosphere intended to make it an attractive rendezvous for patients and personnel. Drapes at the windows, floor coverings, and specially designed tables and chairs will add to the atmosphere. A noteworthy feature, according to Lt. Rotner, will be the pedestal-type tables which will make it easier for wounded men to sit at their ease. The fountain will dispense ice cream, soft drinks, sandwiches, and confections of almost every variety.

The five-chair barber shop, under the management of Esmond Domenick, is in full operation. Skilled barbers and a shoe-shine operator are providing men with a complete service.

Mrs. Julia Bing, an experienced beauty parlor operator, is in charge of the department which is already catering to the beauty needs of feminine members of McGuire General's personnel. Mrs. Della Sweeney is in charge of the tailoring department, while Mrs. Rose Seay will be fountain manager. Frank Kellum is store manager.

## BOMBED JAP SHIP'S LOG BLOWN INTO U. S. PLANE

New Guinea (CNS)--The pilot of an Army A-20 attack plane dropped his load of eggs on a Japanese ship, blowing it up. When he returned to his base he discovered that the blast had blown the ship's log, papers and cargo listing, and the names of the convoy personnel into the air intake of his plane's cooling system.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT AN EXTRA BOND? ? ?

# Looking em Over

by  
Sgt Bill Allison

One of our greatest military leaders, General Dwight Eisenhower, was a football coach before World War I when he coached St. Mary's of San Antonio. Today, on the gridiron of Europe, General Eisenhower's team is playing the ball deep in enemy territory with brilliant aerial attacks, end runs, and line smashes.

fighters weighed 141 3/4 pounds.

Sgt. Joe DiMaggio, the well-known San Francisco lasagna fancier, hasn't lost his batting punch. He clubbed out four home runs in four games recently at a Central Pacific base.

Lt. Byron (Whizzer) White, famed football flier of the University of Colorado and the Detroit Lions, has received the Bronze Star with 16 other officers and men for his service with the "Little Beavers" destroyer squadron which five times bombarded Jap bases in the South Pacific.

Denton (Cy) Young, in selecting his pitching staff for an all-time big league baseball squad, showed little modesty in adding the name of Denton Young to that of Johnson, Waddell, Walsh, and Alexander.

KO: The shell that was Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, in 1938 triple titleholder of boxing, still has a hidden charge left. On June 15 Armstrong, at the apex of his wartime comeback career, exploded his busy fists at Al (Bummy) Davis in Madison Square Garden, New York, and exhibited a short flashback of the original Perpetual Motion. He nailed the Brownsville boxer to the ropes in the first round of their scheduled ten-round bout and kept Davis there with a series of left hooks and right jabs. Davis was too dazed to move. He sank to the canvas three times before the fight was stopped in 59 seconds of the second round. Both

ACCORDING TO CNS Lippy Leo Durocher, the dandy little manager of our Bums in Brooklyn, has been having more troubles than Hitler this year and for a while all the sports who hang around Left Field Louie's Chestnut Stand at the corner of Flatbush and De Kalb were worried about the loud-mouthed little fellow.

Lippy's troubles began during our spring training campaign just after he had announced that he would have to play second base for our Bums this year even if he did have acorns in his elbows. "I can't do any worse than some of them bums," he argued, not without reason.

## MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



## IT'S A KILT TILT

# SPORTS CHATTER

BY SGT. GARRY SCHECTMAN

Wowie! The McGuire Commandos got set to blow the lid off the Municipal League as the second-half race opened last night at Fonticello Park with a smashing 12 to 0 victory over the Antiaircraft Command.

Showing their best form of the season, the Commandos lambasted two AA pitchers for fourteen hits while WOJG Ancypowic chucked a nifty four hit shutout.

With Colonel P. E. Duggins, Commanding Officer, paying his first visit to the ball park, McGuire staged a rousing first inning onslaught with five runs crossing the platter as a result of five hits and featuring a gorgeous triple by Allison.

Quite a Ball Game--Captain Miller emerged from a prolonged slump getting three hits. WOJG Conway had a perfect night with three hits and a walk, and WOJG Vaeth belted a four base beauty to deprive Captain Barnes of another of his hard-earned dollar bills.

Meanwhile, the Team fielded like champions while "Ansy" hurled one of the best games seen in league competition, getting five of the Antiaircraft boys via the strikeout route -- Cheswick's brilliant unassisted double play in the second, and Walter Campbell's excellent debut at third also bear mention.

We miss our classy fielding - team-leading hitter, "Lefty" Peters, who is out of action while recuperating from a tonsilectomy, but nothing is going to stop us now. The Sheppeckmen are hot!!

Tonight at 7 p.m. McGuire will again journey to Fonticello to play an exhibition game with District #1, 3d SvC. The latter asked for a replay after they were nosed out by the Commandos 13-12 last Friday. What a marathon! The game was won in the hectic last inning when Lt. "Zero" Boyer smashed as pretty a home run as we've seen all season with Allison on base.

Let's have a recap on the first half of the Municipal League season.

The Commandos finished fourth in the race which witnessed the experienced and speedy Reynolds Metals aggregation sweeping the field to win the flag. The Reynolds Team dropped only one engagement, losing that game to the Hopper Paper Company.

McGuire broke even in 12 contests to finish with .500. Here's the order as the first half ended: Reynolds, Naval Training, Patent Office, McGuire, Hopper, Antiaircraft, and Bellwood.

The Commandos' batting averages were a bit under par at the close, but those hitting eyes were sharpening with a promise of the things to come.

Here are the batting averages for the first half of the season:

	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>AVG</u>
Peters	13	34	3	12	.352
Vaeth	15	45	8	14	.311
Roffman	10	30	4	9	.300
Boyer	15	40	8	12	.300
Ancypowic	13	33	7	11	.289
Allison	11	33	6	9	.272
Finkler	6	18	3	4	.222
Cronin	11	36	6	8	.222
Cheswick	9	19	5	4	.210
Conway	9	26	2	5	.192
Miller	12	33	8	6	.181

While the McGuire Commandos go to work tonight on District #1, 3d SvC, the shrills of excited female voices will echo across the diamond from an adjoining field. Don't be startled! It's the McGuire Commandettes having their first workout for the coming female softball season.

The Nurses of McGuire will shortly field a crack outfit against the outstanding female softball teams of the area.

The squad will be coached by Lt. Perna, Special Services Officer, (this is really a spot for a Hobba Hobba Boy) and managed by Lt. Clare M. Crapo with the assistance of Miss Louise Miller of the Red Cross and Mrs. Helen Conway of civilian personnel. When those girls start bouncing the old apple around, it's "curves aweigh" for McGuire General.